

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 803 - HB 1264

March 24, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the use of Measurement Incorporated in the development and implementation of assessments in Tennessee schools. Requires that any decision to replace the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) shall be at the discretion of the General Assembly.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact –The state will be unable to administer Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) tests in the subjects of English language arts and mathematics in FY15-16. Federal funding will be placed in jeopardy as a result. The total amount of federal funding that may be withheld is unknown and would be at the discretion of the federal government. Tennessee received over one billion in federal funding in FY14-15.

Assumptions:

- The state's contract with Measurement Incorporated (MI) for the TCAP tests in the subjects of English language arts and mathematics will be cancelled. The state will pay any unpaid invoices and will opt out of the contract with a 30-day notice. No cancellation penalty will be paid by the state.
- Funding left within the maximum liability of the MI contract will be held by the Department of Education until such time as a new contract with a different testing vendor is found.
- Assessments of students in English language arts and mathematics are a central component of the state's No Child Left Behind waiver and statutory accountability system as approved by the U.S. Department of Education. Failure to assess all students in these subjects will place federal funding at risk.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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